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SUBJ: VISIT OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT TO IRAN

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1. REPORTEDLY AT HIS OWN INITIATIVE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR AL-SADAT PAID STATE VISIT TO IRAN APRIL 23-24. HE WAS WARMLY RECEIVED AT AIRPORT BY SHAH, HIGH-LEVEL GOI OFFICIALS AND ALL ARAB AMBASSADORS WITH FULL CEREMONIES, LATTER INCLUDING PRESENTATION OF KEY TO CITY AND FORMAL BANQUET AT NIAVERAN PALACE. PRESS COVERAGE OF VISIT WAS EXTENSIVE AND ENTHUSIASTIC.

2. NO COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED FOLLOWING VISIT BUT LOCAL PRESS NOTES THAT AT BANQUET AND AGAIN AT DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE, SHAH EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR EGYPTIAN POLICES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THESE POLICIES, SADAT STATED, INCLUDE EGYPTIAN
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READINESS TO SIGN PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL ON BASIS OF 1967

PRE-WAR BORDERS. IN ADDITION, SADAT NOTED, HE IS PREPARED TO
MEDIATE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT. NEWSPAPER REPORTS
ALSO CLAIM SADAT REQUESTED IRANIAN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC
AID AS WELL AS CONTINUING OIL SUPPLIES. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THIS
AT BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE ON DEPARTURE SADAT DUCKED QUESTION,
BUT PRESS SPECULATES THAT SHAH WAS SYMPATHETIC TO THESE PRESUMED
REQUESTS AND TO PLEA THAT PROMISED BILLION-DOLLAR IRANIAN AID
TO EGYPT BE EXPEDITED.

3. EDITORIALS NOTED THAT SUCH MEETINGS, WHICH SHAH STATED WILL
TAKE PLACE ON REGULAR BASIS, ARE NECESSITATED BY FAILURE OF
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY IN THE MIDDLE
EAST AND INTRANSIGENCE OF ISRAEL. PRESS EXPECTS SHAH'S SUPPORT
TO STRENGTHEN SADAT'S HAND IN MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS AND AT
GENEVA CONFERENCE TABLE. SADAT'S VISIT, FIRST EVER BY AN EGYPTIAN
PRESIDENT TO IRAN, WAS DESCRIBED AS SIGNIFICANT ADDITION TO HIS
PRE-GENEVA DIPLOMACY.

4. COMMENT: CHARGE AND POLCOUNS HAVE APPOINTMENTS WITH MFA
OFFICIALS LATER THIS WEEK AND WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP FURTHER
INSIGHTS INTO THE VISIT.

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